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16. A method for compressing a digital image
comprising a matrix of elements, each element comprising a
plurality of digital components of different types for
representing a pixel, the method comprising:

splitting the digital image into a plurality of
blocks, and calculating for each block a group of discrete
cosine transform (DCT) coefficients for the digital components
of different types;

quantizing the DCT coefficients for each block using

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